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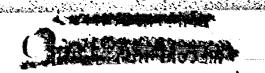
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1. - IN HID AUGUST 1966 AT ABOUT 1400 HOURS.]

OBSERVED SEVERAL U.S. JET AIRCRAFT FLY OVER TU SON VILLAGE. KIM BOI DISTRICT. HOA BINH PROVINCE. NORTH VIETNAH (NVK) AT A VERY LOW ALTITUDE. ABOUT 20 MINUTES LATER. THE AIRCRAFT LEFT THE AREA AND FLEW EAST HITHOUT BOMBING ANY TARGETS. ABOUT THO HOURS LATER. THE LOCAL PEOPLE TOLD THAT A U.S. JET AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY MILITIAHEN OF THU PHONG VILLAGE, LOCATED ADJACENT TO TU SON VILLAGE.

TOOK HIS BIKE ALONG-ROUTE-128-TO-THE INTER-SECTION - ABOUT TEN KILCHSTERS FROM HOATBINGTCITY - WITHT ROUTE 12A. LOCAL RESIDENTS THERE TOLD HIM THAT A U.S. F. 165 JET-AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT-DOWN-BY_MILITIAHEN ARMED ONLY WITH RIFLES AND POSITIONED ON_A_HILL_ABOUT_ONE:KILOMETER:FROM... ROUTE 128. THEY SAID THAT A TRAIL OF SMOKE CAME FROM THE AIRCRAFT AS IT CONTINUED TO FLYTSTRAIGHT INTO A CHAIN OF MOUNTAINS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF ROUTE 128, CRASHED ABOUT 50 HETERS FROM THE FEAK OF THE MOUNTAIN, AND BURST INTO FLAMES. KHEN ARRIVED AT THE INTERSECTION, MILITIAKEN HAD ALREADY ERQUENT SOME DEERIS DOWN FROM THE WRECKAGE. THE PILOTIS BODY LIN 30 TRAS NIAH SHT YUNO DNA NDITHODORS DNOYSE DENRUS " 'GOY YAS FOUND NEAR THE CRASH SITE. HIS REMAINS WERS TAKEN THILA PLANK TO AN OPEN SPACE WHERE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HAD 🕟 .OFFEKTI





J. THO DAYS LATER: | RETURNED TO THE CRASH SITE AND DITICED THAT A SIGN HAD BEEN PUT UP NEAR THE AIRCRAFT DEBRIS.

FIGH READ "THANH TIGH CUA XA THU PHONG" ("ACHIEVEMENT OF """

HU PHONG VILLAGE"). ABOUT FIVE MONTHS LATER. AS . I PASSED

HIS SAME AREA; HE OBSERVED THAT HUCH OF THE DEBRIS STILL

TEMAINED BUT HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY COVERED BY DEMSE FOLIAGE, ""

4. (FISLD COMMENT) THE FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY
1552: TION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATION OF THE REPORT: JCRC RECORDS
MIDICATE THIS REPORT PROBABLY DESCRIBES THE DOWNING OF
JLONEL WILLIAM H. NELSON, USAF (JCRC ACC NO. 922). CCLONEL
ELSON WAS MISSING IN ACTION ON 20 JULY 1966 AT 1935 HOURS
148 WH364961 (2046/10521). APPROXIMATELY 7-10 MILES FROM
U SON VILLAGE. DESCRIPTION OF DATE: TIME, NUMBER OF PLANES.
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